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Dear ENERGY STAR® Battery Charging Systems Manufacturing Partner, EPA-recognized Accreditation Body, Certification Body, or Laboratory:

Following the letter distributed on May 19, EPA has modified parts of the Version 1.1 ENERGY STAR Specification for Battery Charging Systems that relate to the treatment of “A la carte” chargers. An a la carte charger is defined as “A battery charger that is individually packaged without batteries. Batteries that the a la carte charger is designed to charge should be listed on the packaging, battery, and/or in printed or electronic user information materials. A la carte chargers may have multi-voltage or multi-port capability.”

Specifically, the following sections of the Eligibility Criteria and Test Method were modified to ensure clarity and proper testing:

Eligibility Criteria

- Included Products (2.1.4) – Added “A la carte” chargers to the list of included products.
- Qualification Criteria (3.3.1) – Provided guidance on how to qualify “A la carte” chargers.

Test Method

- UUT Requirements (5.A.1) – Provided battery selection guidance for “A la carte” chargers.
- UUT Requirements (5.A.2.b) – Clarified battery selection requirements when a charger model is also packaged for sale with end-use products using batteries.

EPA thanks the partners for highlighting these potential discrepancies between the Version 1.0 and Version 1.1 eligibility criteria. As the Version 1.1 revision was intended to be a non-substantive revision standardizing testing conditions and providing clarification for certification bodies engaged in the Third-Party Certification process, EPA is proposing these corrections to address the discrepancies.

The exchange of ideas and information between EPA and stakeholders is critical to the success of ENERGY STAR. Please direct any specific questions to Katharine Kaplan, at kaplan.katharine@epamail.epa.gov or 202-343-9120, or Matt Malinowski, ICF International, at mmalinowski@icfi.com or 202-862-2693.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katharine Kaplan".

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ENERGY STAR for Battery Charging Systems